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A PRESENT ANSWER
to the late *Complaint* unto the House
of Commons by diverse Members
of the said House.

Friends, Coantrimen, and Brethren,



Our very Patheticke *Com-
plaint* we have received, and
do so inwardly consider the
too much Truth and cause
thereof, that wee are almost ashamed
to amend, what can not be excused.
wee for our parts (whose names are
under-written) doe acknowledge
your sharpe Truthes, wee with our
power had beene such as to have ob-

tained publique reading of your *Complaint* in the House, and publique thankes and satisfaction to you. But the most of our body have with-drawne themselves from the House, and are either with His Majesty, or returned to their homes, as neither willing nor able to justify the present proceedings. and wee who are left here are so over-balanced that we are too few to help our selves, or you.

The truth of your instances is our sorrow, and the shame of our House. wherein our griefes and feares are many, lest our names be found recorded to have sitten here, when these strange excesses make the land out of love with their Parliament. we shall onely answer to your *Wishes* and *Resolution*.

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1 You wish that Iustice might proceed upon *Offending Members*.

2 You wish this *Parliament Dissolved*.

3 You resolve to *Reassume the Trust* you have conferred.

1 For the first *Offending Members*, we must decline the Character of them: yet you may easily find them: And you may iustly call for, nay require, Iustice and the course of law upon them, we have no Priviledge more then your selves in case of Treason. His Majesty in his Declarations and Proclamations, hath shewen you the names of his, & your, and all our great enemies. wee have no such Priviledge as to protect them from due, and lawfull tryall. And wee are of opinion that those few men, be-

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ing taken and then legally condemn-
ed or acquitted, the way of Peace
would be much more open both for
you and vs. You may therefore doe
well to endeavour to take them all,
and bring them to tryall.

2 Concerning *Dissolving this Parlia-
ment*, we intreat you to moderate that
wish, and rather to try the amending
of it thus. Our House hath made cru-
ell use of an un-due power in dis-
membring it selfe. You and all the
Kingdome are interested in that body
of this house which was first elected
and sworne. Call all your first Tru-
stees in againe. Demand this of the
House. It is a request both just and
necessary. Our House being com-
pleated with the full number of all our
true members, we doubt not but to re-

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cover your love and good esteeme, as amply and deservedly as in our first performances. And thus we may re-fettle the land and stoppe this deluge of bloud, which else will drown us all.

3 Lastly, if these two be denied, we do then desire you and all the Kingdome, to *Reassume the Power* which hath beene so abused; in doing whereof you shall redeeme us and your selves from a new bondage, and shall be sure of a new Parliament, before three yeares can be expired. Nay the goodnesse of the King will (upon our Petition, we speake it knowingly) issue writtes for a new convention, within threescore dayes.

Do what is in your owne power for your selves and us, or the best Christian Kingdome in the world will become a desolation.

FINES.